

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

PEDRO J. LECCA, Ph.D., R.Ph., LMSW, ACE-Fellow, Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award Examiner

Currently, Dr. Pedro J. Lecca is serving as Dean and Professor of the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences at Howard University in Washington, D.C., overseeing undergraduate and graduate programs involving diverse faculties and student bodies. Some responsibilities include: leadership of 1,400 students, 120 faculty and 40 staff, curricular design, revision and implementation; development and management of externally funded research activities; coordination of faculty activities that promote and achieve the educational objectives and academic standards; and, accreditation of ten programs.

Dr. Lecca served as the sixth Dean and professor of the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health at Texas Southern University (TSU) in Houston, Texas. In addition to providing leadership, he attained primary goals of establishing the Entry Level Pharm.D. Degree, implementing the Post-Baccalaureate Pharm.D. Degree, and guided the accreditation of five Allied Health Programs: (Health Care Administration, Environmental Health, Respiratory Health, Medical Technology, and Health Information Management). He has twenty years experience in teaching, research and academic administration

Prior to his position at TSU, Dr. Lecca was Professor and Director of Health Care Specialization at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) and the Director of the Southern Re-accreditation Program. He received his BS in Pharmacy/Chemistry from Fordham University, NYC, M.S. in Pharmacy Administration/Health Care from Long Island University, N.Y., a MSW in Social Work and a Ph.D., in Pharmacy Administration/Health Research from University of Mississippi and a Post-Doctorate from Baruch College of Business/Mt. Sinai Medical School in Health Services Research.

Dr. Lecca has special training in Academic Administration, Research, Public Health/Mental Health Research, Substance Abuse and AIDS research. He has been associated with several national institutions, including: The University of Illinois, Chicago; New York University, New York City; St. John's University, New York City; and University of Texas at Arlington.

Prior appointments included Assistant Commissioner of Mental Health/Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services for the City of New York, with a budget of over 300 million, and Hospital Director for a hospice program with the Archdiocese in New York City.

Dr. Lecca has received many honors, including: A National Health Services Research Fellowship from the Baruch College of Business/Mt. Sinai Medical School; An American Council on Higher Education Fellowship; Malcolm Baldrige Award - Examiner since 1998; The Outstanding Faculty Representative Award, UTA; and, the Outstanding Faculty Senate President Award, UTA.

He has also been recognized by many community organizations for his volunteer work including the Paul Harris Fellow Award from Rotary International. Dr. Lecca has served as Commissioner of Planning and Zoning for the City of Arlington, Texas and served on the Boards of over 10 community organizations. He is a participant in National and Local Hispanic Organizations, including: Educational Organization for United Latin Americans (EOFULA), ASPIRA of America, LULAC of Arlington, Arlington Hispanic Advisory Council and The Tarrant County Hispanic Clearinghouse.

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In 1993, he was appointed by The Surgeon General of the United States to serve on the National Hispanic Health Issues Task Force and several federal panels including: The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention; High Risk Youth Panel; and, National Health Corp. Program.

Dr. Lecca has been a member of the American Public Health Association, holding positions on several committees and served as President of the Latino Caucus of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

Dr. Lecca has written research grants totaling over 100 million dollars and has written over twenty books including monographs and articles. His latest works include the book Cultural Competency in Health, Social and Human Services: Directions for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, published in 1998, and "Cultural Issues in the Practice of Pharmacy," a chapter in Social & Behavioral Aspects of Pharmaceutical Care.

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